

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

February 14, 2012 1:30 p.m.
MAG Offices, Suite 300,
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charles Andrews, Avondale, Chairman	* Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Lupe Harriger, ADOT	Maria Deeb, Mesa
Jose Heredia, Buckeye	*Andrew Cooper, Jr., Paradise Valley
Dan Cook, Chandler	Ben Wilson, Peoria
Bob Senita, El Mirage	Shane L. Silsby, Phoenix
* Tony Rodriguez,	*Janet Martin, Queen Creek
Gila River Indian Community	*Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Michael Gillespie, Gilbert	Indian Community
Bob Darr, Glendale	Todd J. Taylor for Phil Kercher, Scottsdale
Hugh Bigalk, Goodyear	Nicholas Mascia, Surprise
Gino Turrubiates, Guadalupe	Shelly Seyler, Tempe
Paul Ward for Darryl Crossman,	* Jason Earp, Tolleson
Litchfield Park	* Jim Fox, Youngtown

* Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Alice Chen, MAG	Teri Kennedy, MAG
Monique De Los Rios, MAG	Stephen Tate, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Andrews called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Paul Ward moved approval of the October 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Ben Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

There were no members of the public at the meeting who expressed a desire to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

The report managers report was not provided due to the length of the agenda.

5. ADOT Local Governments Manual Training

Ms. Teri Kennedy briefed the Committee. She noted that on March 5, 2012 and March 6, 2012, ADOT staff would conduct training classes on the new ADOT Local Governments Manual. The classes would be held at the MAG offices and member agencies were encouraged to contact the MAG secretary to register for the classes.

6. Designing Transit Accessible Communities Study

Ms. Alice Chen briefed the Committee. She noted that the purpose of the study is to develop strategies to make transit more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists. The American Public Transit Association (APTA) defines transit access as "the segment of an individual trip that occurs between an origin or destination point and the transit system." The goals of the study are: 1) to identify the challenges that are faced by transit users in the region when accessing transit; 2) recommend improvements, policies, and guidelines that are applicable in the MAG region; and 3) provide a cost analysis and a framework for funding options and prioritization.

Mr. Dan Cook asked whether the study would look at constraints that would affect the ability to implement access strategies. He went on to note that right-of-way acquisition often presented a significant challenge. Ms. Chen indicated that financial and other constraints would be addressed in the study.

Mr. Gino Turrubiates noted that mid-block pedestrian crossing issues often occurred at bus stops and asked if the Study would address the issue. Ms. Chen indicated that it would review the issue, but that the consultants would need to be sensitive in addressing tradeoffs between congestion mitigation, safety and accessibility goals.

Ms. Monique De Los Rios noted that Scottsdale had recently completed a mid-block crossing project on Scottsdale Road that appeared to work quite well.

7. MAG Audit Findings

Ms. De Los Rios presented on the agenda item. In her presentation she noted that as part of the enabling legislation for Proposition 400, a performance audit of the program was required to be conducted every five years, beginning in 2010, by the Auditor General of Arizona. The Performance Audit of the Regional Transportation Plan was released on December 21, 2011. The audit produced 25 recommendations to improve the oversight and management of the program. One important finding was that the program should continue to be implemented.

A series of recommendations dealt with improving the documentation and rationale for program changes and to produce one-page project report cards that would provide the description and status of each project. A plan to implement each recommendation related to MAG will be provided by March 2012.

She then went provided a detailed analysis of each recommendation and MAG's response to the recommendation and concluded by noting that except for one recommendation that would require legislation, all recommendations would be implemented either as recommended or in a modified form.

During and after the presentation it was noted that some of the recommendations were overly prescriptive and seemed to assume a level of control beyond what was feasible and that the focus of the audit should have been more on what was accomplished in completing projects.

She concluded her presentation by indicating she anticipated that actions regarding the recommendations would be needed and that in June or July she would have additional material to present to the Street Committee and other MAG technical and policy committees.

8. MAG Federal Fund Programming Principals

Ms. Yazzie briefed the Committee. She noted that on October 26, 2011, the Regional Council approved new rules for projects programmed with MAG federal funds (CMAQ and MAG-STP) that are outside of the life-cycle programs for freeways, transit and arterial streets. These rules significantly increase the responsibilities of sponsoring agencies to verify their commitment to complete projects, limit their ability to change the scope of programmed projects and require that project sponsors develop and maintain project schedules that show that the sponsor will achieve key project milestones. Failure to meet reporting requirements or achieve milestones can result in the removal of federal funding for the project.

She concluded by noting that a copy of the programming principals and a memo on the transition to implementation of the guidelines was included with the agenda packet. Copies of these documents are available on the TIP page of the MAG website.

9. HPMS Data Collection

Mr. Stephen Tate briefed the Committee. He noted that each year MAG assists the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in meeting ADOT's requirement to provide the Federal Highway Administration with updated data for the Highway Performance Management System. This data is used to determine the categories of federal funding received by Arizona and includes both information on specific roadway segments and estimates of public roadway mileage.

He concluded by noting that this year, MAG would distribute an MS Excel spreadsheet to collect the data with the first tab on the spreadsheet to be used to update HPMS segment data and the second page to be used by member agencies to update centerline mileage estimates. The due date for the data was set at Monday, March 5, 2012 and it was indicated that the

workbook would be distributed to member agencies by e-mail.

10. Review of PM-10 Street Sweeper Replacement Criteria

Ms. Teri Kennedy presented on the agenda item. She noted that staff was seeking input for establishing criteria for the early replacement of PM-10 certified street sweepers. The options that staff brought to the Committee were as follows:

- making no changes (e.g. do nothing option),
- establishing a minimum down time criterion,
- establishing a usage criterion such as hours or miles of sweeping, and
- establishing a replacement cost criterion.

It was the general sense of the Committee that early replacement criteria were necessary and that the criteria to be considered should include refinement of downtime criteria, usage criteria and replacement cost criteria.

Staff was directed to develop a survey to gather information that would be needed to establish needed criteria.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.